

so qualified to elect shall be capable of being elected, provided he shall have given no bribe either directly or indirectly to any elector. (From a proposed Constitution for Virginia, 1776. F. II, 14-)

SUFFRAGE.—The majority of men in the State (Virginia) who pay and fight for its support, are unrepresented in the Legislature, the roll of freeholders entitled to vote not including generally the half of those on the roll of the militia. (From "Notes on Virginia," 1782. F. III., 222.)

SUFFRAGE.—When the Constitution of Virginia was formed I was in attendance at Congress. Had I been here I should probably have proposed a general suffrage; because my opinion has always been in favor of it. Still I find very honest men, who thinking the possession of some property necessary to give due independence of mind are for restraining the elective franchise to property. I believe we may lessen the danger of buying and selling votes by making the number of voters too great for any means of purchase. I may further say that I have not observed men's honesty to increase with their riches. (To Jeremiah Moor, 1800. F. VII., 454.)

SUFFRAGE.—However nature may by mental or physical disqualifications have marked infants and the weaker sex for the protection rather than the direction of government, yet among the men who either pay or fight for their country, no line of right can be drawn. The exclusion of a majority of our freemen from the right of representation is merely arbitrary, and an usurpation of the minority over the majority; for it is believed that the non-freeholders compose the majority of our free and adult male citizens. (To J. H. Pleasants, 1824. C. VII., 345-)

SUPREME COURT.—At length, then, we have a chance O'f getting a Republican (Democratic) majority in the Supreme Judiciary. For ten years has that branch braved the spirit and will of the nation after the nation had manifested its will by a complete reform in every branch depending on them. The event is a fortunate one and so timed as to be a God-send to¹ me. I am sure its importance to the nation will be felt, and